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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, January 26, 2001

PETITION OF

BROADSLATE NETWORKS OF VIRGINIA, INC. CASE NO. PUC010008

For inquiry into loop provisioning  
activities of Verizon Virginia Inc.

PRELIMINARY ORDER

On January 9, 2001, BroadSlate Networks of Virginia, Inc. ("BroadSlate"), filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a Petition for Commencement of an Inquiry into the Loop Provisioning Activities of Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") ("Petition"). The Petition requests that the Commission investigate and take corrective action to ensure that Verizon Virginia's processes for pre-ordering, ordering, and provisioning of unbundled local loops complies with all relevant law and policy, and are sufficiently rigorous and coordinated to produce complete, timely, and accurate loop information in a reasonable and nondiscriminatory manner to requesting Competitive Local Exchange Carriers ("CLECs").

Specifically, BroadSlate's Petition states that Verizon Virginia has systematically failed to abide by the Commission's rules and orders, its interconnection agreements, and relevant federal statutes, rules, and orders regarding Verizon Virginia's

obligation to provide unbundled local loops to CLECs in a reasonable and nondiscriminatory manner. BroadSlate alleges that Verizon Virginia routinely provides CLECs that request unbundled local loops inaccurate, contradictory, untimely, and incomplete information at all stages of the loop provisioning process: pre-ordering, ordering, and provisioning.

The Commission finds that Verizon Virginia should respond to this Petition, and BroadSlate should be permitted to reply to Verizon Virginia's response. The Commission is also aware that other parties may have an interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Therefore, we will permit interested parties to file comments when the reply of BroadSlate is due.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC010008.

(2) Verizon Virginia shall respond to BroadSlate's Petition on or before February 15, 2001.

(3) BroadSlate may reply to Verizon Virginia's response on or before March 1, 2001.

(4) Other interested parties may file comments on BroadSlate's Petition on or before March 1, 2001.

(5) The Clerk is directed to serve a copy of this Order on all local exchange carriers (LECs) in Virginia. A listing of

all current local exchange carriers in Virginia is attached to this Order as Appendix A.

(6) This matter is continued generally.